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1. PERMDEL UNESCO WOULD LIKE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION U.S. TAKING LEAD IN PROPOSING CHAIRMANSHIP OF GENEVA GROUP ROTATE AMONG MEMBERS RATHER THAN ALTERNATE BETWEEN U.S. AND U.K. A SATISFACTORY FORMULA SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO BE WORKED OUT.

2. PERMDEL BELIEVES TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR U.S. SUPPORT MOVE SHARE POWER OF CHAIR AND SUCH ACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE SUPPORTED BY U.K. AS THEY ARE ANXIOUS MOVE CLOSER WE 9. IN FACT, CONVERSATIONS AT UNESCO WITH UK INDICATE THEY ARE NOW CONSIDERING SUCH A PLOY AND WE MAY WELL BE ABLE MAXIMIZE CREDIT BY TAKING LEAD RATHER THAN BY JOINING PROPOSAL MADE BY U.K. SUCH STEP BY U.S. WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR CLAIM TO SEEK JOINT ACTION AND COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPED NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT WOULD ALSO FORCE OTHER NATIONS GENEVA GROUP BE MORE ACTIVE AS POSITION OF CHAIRMAN AUTOMATICALLY FORCES ASSUMPTION GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES. FOR INSTANCE, WOULD
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CHAIRMAN GENEVA GROUP. AS ONLY ASIAN NATION SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE CHAIRMAN WOULD INDICATE NOT ONLY TO JAPANESE OUR CONFIDENCE IN THEM BUT ALSO TO OTHER ASIAN AND THIRD WORLD NATIONS WILLINGNESS U.S. WORK UNDER GUIDANCE NON-EUROPEAN LEADER-SHIP.

3. PERMREP UNESCO SUGGESTS FORTHCOMING GG MEETING MAY BE IDEAL TIME PUT FORTH SUGGESTION ROTATING LEADERSHIP. IN UNESCO CONTEXT SUCH A MOVE WOULD SURELY STRENGTHEN U.S. CLAIM FOR ENTRY EUROPEAN UNESCO REGION BY SHOWING WE WILLING TAKE LEAD IN PURSUING POLICY OF COOPERATION AND SHARING OF POWER.

4. AN EQUITABLE FORMULA MIGHT BE FOR DIFFERENT NATIONS TO CHAIR DIFFERENT GENEVA GROUPS SO THAT ON ROTATING BASIS AS MANY NATIONS AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF GENEVA GROUPS. ONCE SUCH ROTATING FORMULA WAS ARRANGED -- PROBABLY ON A SIX MONTHS BASIS -- ALL GG MEMBERS COULD LOOK FORWARD TO ASSUMING CHAIRMANSHIP OF SOME GROUP IN REASON-ABLY SHORT TIME.STONE

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